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# THE LORD'S DAY

## Sunday, April 18, 2021

### **Prelude**

Margaret Bradly, Organ

### **\*Call to Worship**

**Psalm 84: 10,12**

“For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness...O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!”

### **\*Hymn of Praise**

**“Come, Thou Almighty King”**

**#101**

Come thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,  
help us to praise, Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,  
our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless, and give  
thy word success, Spirit of holiness on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour; Thou who almighty art, now rule in  
every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,  
hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we  
in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

### **\*Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

### **Call to Confession**

**Psalm 32:5**

“I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,’ and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

### **Prayer of Confession:**

Eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge before Your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we transgress Your holy commandments without end or ceasing. Therefore, we purchase for ourselves, through Your righteous judgment, our ruin and perdition. Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended You, and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance seeking Your grace to relieve our distress. O God and Father, most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow to true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins, and producing in us the fruits of righteousness which are pleasing to You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Isaiah 1:18**

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are crimson, they shall become like wool.”

### **\*Hymn of Response**

**“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”**

**#688**

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and try me, Master today!  
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now, as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!  
Power all power, surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway!  
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

### **Scripture Reading**

**Leviticus 2:1-16**

**2** “When anyone brings a grain offering as an offering to the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour. He shall pour oil on it and put frankincense on it <sup>2</sup>and bring it to Aaron's sons the priests. And he shall take from it a handful of the fine flour and oil, with all of its frankincense, and the priest shall burn this as its memorial portion on the altar, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the LORD. <sup>3</sup>But the rest of the grain offering shall be for Aaron and his sons; it is a most holy part

of the LORD's food offerings.<sup>4</sup> “When you bring a grain offering baked in the oven as an offering, it shall be unleavened loaves of fine flour mixed with oil or unleavened wafers smeared with oil.<sup>5</sup> And if your offering is a grain offering baked on a griddle, it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mixed with oil.<sup>6</sup> You shall break it in pieces and pour oil on it; it is a grain offering.<sup>7</sup> And if your offering is a grain offering cooked in a pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil.<sup>8</sup> And you shall bring the grain offering that is made of these things to the LORD, and when it is presented to the priest, he shall bring it to the altar.<sup>9</sup> And the priest shall take from the grain offering its memorial portion and burn this on the altar, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the LORD.<sup>10</sup> But the rest of the grain offering shall be for Aaron and his sons; it is a most holy part of the LORD's food offerings.<sup>11</sup> “No grain offering that you bring to the LORD shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn no leaven nor any honey as a food offering to the LORD.<sup>12</sup> As an offering of firstfruits you may bring them to the LORD, but they shall not be offered on the altar for a pleasing aroma.<sup>13</sup> You shall season all your grain offerings with salt. You shall not let the salt of the covenant with your God be missing from your grain offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt.<sup>14</sup> “If you offer a grain offering of firstfruits to the LORD, you shall offer for the grain offering of your firstfruits fresh ears, roasted with fire, crushed new grain.<sup>15</sup> And you shall put oil on it and lay frankincense on it; it is a grain offering.<sup>16</sup> And the priest shall burn as its memorial portion some of the crushed grain and some of the oil with all of its frankincense; it is a food offering to the LORD.

## Pastoral Prayer

Mr. David Greenwald

## Scripture Reading:

Mark 9: 30-50

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know,<sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.”<sup>32</sup> But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.<sup>33</sup> And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?”<sup>34</sup> But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.<sup>35</sup> And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”<sup>36</sup> And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them,<sup>37</sup> “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”<sup>38</sup> John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”<sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.<sup>40</sup> For the one who is not against us is for us.<sup>41</sup> For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

.<sup>42</sup> “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ <sup>49</sup> For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

**Sermon**

**It's Good to Be Last**

**Rev. David Stewart**

## **I. Sin Is Serious**

## **II. What Lies Beneath**

## **III. The Remedy**

**\*Hymn of Response**

**“All to Jesus I Surrender”**

**#562**

All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give;  
may I ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

**Refrain**

I surrender all, (I surrender all) I surrender all (I surrender all)  
All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at his feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now **Refrain**

All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior wholly thine,  
May thy Holy Spirit fill me, may I know thy pow’r divine. **Refrain**

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee;  
Fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me. **Refrain**

**\*Benediction**

**2 Corinthians 13:11**

“Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”

**\*Three-fold Amen**

**\*Indicates congregation will stand, if able**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our new directory is available in the narthex today. Please pick up one per family as you exit.

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Please maintain distance between families as best as possible. Please fellowship outside unless there is inclement weather.

There is an offering box in the back of the sanctuary for tithes and offerings.

04/04/21 Offering	\$ 3,650.00
YTD Offering	\$54,214.80
YTD Budget	\$46,725.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00

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